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## RETIREMENT OF TROOPER DAL YANKE

Colonel Bryan Klipfel, superintendent of the North Dakota Highway Patrol, announces the retirement of Trooper Dal Yanke. Effective August 31, 2006, Trooper Dal Yanke retired as a sworn officer from the North Dakota Highway Patrol after over 26 years of distinguished service.

Trooper Yanke began his career with the Highway Patrol in June 1980 attending the Highway Patrol Academy. Upon graduation from the Academy, he was stationed in Steele where he served until his retirement.

Trooper Yanke received specialized training in accident investigation and was one of the department's esteemed accident reconstructionists. His expertise was utilized and appreciated by local law enforcement agencies and the North Dakota Highway Patrol.

Upon his retirement, Trooper Yanke was awarded the North Dakota Highway Patrol Meritorious Service Medal for serving with merit and distinction.